

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention provides an automatic locking/unlocking device which locks an opening/closing body when a normal response signal is received in response to a request signal sent to a predetermined zone around a vehicle body, comprising detector for  
5 detecting that the opening/closing body is closed, wherein the request signal is sent within the vehicle compartment in response to closing of the opening/closing body before the request signal is sent to the predetermined zone around the vehicle body and if  
10 the normal response signal is received in response to this request signal, transmission of the request signal to the predetermined zone around the vehicle body is prohibited, thereby suppressing consumption of power in the portable unit and ensuring a secure automatic locking.